THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Km. Shehlata Paul, retired Headmistress has so far been paid G.P. Fund but not gratuity dues.

(c) and (e) Even ofter her retirement,Km. Shehlala Paul had not submitted any papers and even after her death, no claimant was coming forward. Efforts were made to find out her legal heir and orders were also issued for reconstruction of her service record. Efforts are on for payment of her dues subject to the completion of formalities and submission of papers by the legal heir of the deceased.

Irregularities in the appointment of professors in the Department of Computer Science, Punjabi University Patiala

3120. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of rules of appointment of Professor in the Punjabi University Patiala;

(b) what are the names of professors who have been posted/appointed in the Department of Computer Sciences of the university during last two years till date;

(c) whether any irregularities have come to light in these appointment; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the guilty by Government and if no action has been taken the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

(c) Government do not seem to have received any complaint of irregularities in the appointment of Professor in the Department of Computer Sciences of the Univesity.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment of Class III and IV Employees in Punjabi University, Patiala

3121. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of vacancies of class III and IV employees filled up in the Punjabi University, Patiala during March, 1989 till to date; and

(b) what is the break up of the number of SC/ST and other candidates who have been elected in these vacancies category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

SC/ST Officers in the IAS and IPS

3122. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates selected in IAS and IPS during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates selected from the general quota on merit basis, year-wise in the above services; and

(c) in which year the reserved seats in IAS and IPS were not filled during the same period?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is given in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 105]

(c) Reserved candidates equal to the number of reserved vacancies were allocated to the IAS and IPS in all the three years.

Improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare

3123. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions from different organisations and commissions for the improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Chattopadhaya Commission made some suggestions *inter alia* regarding improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare. These were examined by an empowered committee set up by the Government. Thereafter, the Foundation has introduced various welfare schemes for the benefit of teachers/dependents like assistance to State/UT Govts. for construction of teacher rest-houses (Shikshak Sadans) paid holiday to eminent teachers, financial assistance for professional education of children of school teachers, medical reimbursement to teachers suffering from serious ailments, gratuitous relief in cases of serious accidents etc.

VCR/VCP project in Rajasthan

3124. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level team of the Electronic Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET and T) visited Rajasthan in May, 1989 to select a site of the proposed VCR/VCP Project in the State and also recommended a site near Jaipur;

(b) whether ET & T propose to sign a MOU with RIICO to implement this vital project in that State;

(c) whether the Chairman and Managing Director of the Electronic Trade and Technology held discussions with the Central Government in this regard; if so, with what results; and

(d) what is the latest position in this regard indicating the likely installed capacity per annum, total investment outlay and foreign exchange involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) With regard to their proposal for setting up of VCR/VCP project in the country, ET&T had conducted a locational study of various States including a site near Jaipur in Rajasthan. The visit for this to Rajasthan took place in May, 1989.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Taking into account the proposed heavy outflow of foreign exchange, the Government has not been able to accept the proposal in its present form.

Firing by Sri Lankan Army on Indian Fishing Boats

3125. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan army opened fire on an Indian fishing boat.